



# Chipembele News

Jan to Mar 2011

Dear Friends-of-Chipembele the world over,

**Now We Are 10!** We are very excited to announce that 2011 embraces the 10th Anniversary Celebrations of the opening of our Wildlife Education Centre. We invite you to join in the celebrations of our 10th Birthday and help us step towards securing the future of our Wildlife and Conservation Education for another 10 years!



*...celebrating 10 years of conservation education  
in South Luangwa, Zambia, 2001 – 2011*

On 12 May 2001, the acting Chieftainess Kakumbi officiated at the opening of our Wildlife Education Centre on the banks of the Luangwa River.

The late Chief Kakumbi was a visionary man who had kindly donated the land for us to build our centre and encouraged us greatly to meet our shared hope for the future. Sadly, he passed away before the centre was opened but we dedicated it to his memory. The opening ceremony was attended by a large number of people from a wide range of backgrounds in the local community. This marked an important vote of confidence in the future of Chipembele.



*Local ladies dance at the opening ceremony on 12 May 2001*



## 10 years ago...

Our hope was that the children and young people of the South Luangwa Valley would have a future, would have opportunities to thrive alongside their natural heritage, to become environmental stewards and champions and that as a result the wildlife and environment would be better conserved.

## And now...

Our greatest satisfaction is seeing so many children eager to learn all that they can about their natural heritage and the importance of conserving their land and wildlife. The young people who have participated in the Chipembele programme are already becoming the decision makers of this area, sitting on committees, taking up positions in wildlife protection, research and tourism, and sharing their knowledge and stewardship with many others. Chipembele pupils are now caring for the future of their natural resources.

## With sincerest thanks to...

We are immensely grateful for our many friends and supporters around the world – individuals, organisations, tour operators, wildlife protection personnel, researchers and others who assist us with logistics, funds, moral-support and ongoing encouragement. You are too many to name and do justice to here, but for your support through the past 10 years and friendships today, we say a most heartfelt thank you.

**10 year celebrations proudly supported by**



**LION CAMP**

**chulprojekte**

**Flatdogs Camp**

**THE CCG TRUST**  
INVESTORS IN WILDLIFE

**NORMAN CARR SAFARIS**

**PDC INC. PERTH**

**ROBIN POPE SAFARIS**

**KANGO MWANDA STENTON SAFARIS**

**With thanks for their ongoing support to:**  
The pupils, schools and communities of Mfuwe and surrounds, South Luangwa Conservation Society, Zambian Carnivore Programme, Mfuwe Lodge/Bushcamp Co, Africom, Murray Katz, Africa Hope Foundation, Elefence International, our many individual friends and supporters.



## Chipembele Celebrations

### Jude Price and Kaye Brown

Our good friends and permanent Chipembele volunteers from Australia - Jude Price and Kaye Brown - are coming (*self-funded*) to help us run our 10th birthday celebrations and undertake other project work with us, here in the South Luangwa Valley. We are so looking forward to Jude and Kaye being with us, once again, at Chipembele! Their great work running our social networking sites and website, fundraising and other invaluable assistance will gain a new dimension with their presence and work here at Chipembele.



*There are two events to look forward to in the coming months in South Luangwa....*

### Chipembele Open Day Event

**28<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – 11.00 to 3.00 pm**

**Chipembele Centre - Zambia**

*[Click here to view invite and details](#)*

*A day of fun and celebration!*

*Conservation Clubs members from the local schools will participate in a Senior Master Quiz for and guide tours of our Centre. There will be demonstrations, games, displays and much, much more.*

### Chipembele World Environment Day Celebration

**5<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**Mfuwe – Zambia**

*World Environment Day is a time of celebration of our wondrous world, to explore the threats, successes and promote responsible stewardship of forests, rivers and wildlife. Our World Environment Day event will be held in the heart of the community and encompass a conservation parade by the Conservation Club participants, a Junior Master Quiz, displays and demonstrations by our partners and supporters.*




**Please Visit Our 2011 Supporters for the Events in South Luangwa ...**

- [Lion Camp - South Luangwa](#)
- [Painted Dog Conservation Inc - Australia](#)
- [Flatdogs Camp – South Luangwa](#)
- [Schul Projekte Sambia - Switzerland](#)
- [CCG Trust - Cambridge, UK](#)
- [Robin Pope Safaris - South Luangwa](#)
- [Norman Carr Safaris – South Luangwa](#)
- [Shenton’s Safaris – South Luangwa](#)

**Also - see our general partners and supporters on the [links page](#)**

*And coming very soon in the UK...*



**UK Fundraising Dinner**  
15th April 2011 – 7.30 till Late  
Oxford – UK  
Organised by Chipembele Trust  
(UK)  
  
See poster (right) for details. Book  
now!  
  
Tel: 07793 121130 (UK)



Chipembele Trust UK presents  
A Fundraising Dinner

# *AFRICA to OXFORD*

Special Guest Speaker  
**ANNA TOLAN**  
Founder and Director



**CHIPEMBELE**  
Wildlife Education Trust  
*Zambia*

*In 1998 Anna and Steve Tolan, former Police Officers from Thames Valley Police, left their lives in Oxford and migrated to wildest Africa. They had a dream, to help protect the wildlife of the paradise of the South Luangwa Valley, Zambia. In 2001 they built and opened a Wildlife Education Centre on the banks of the Luangwa River. Every year, over 600 local Zambian children and young people visit Chipembele to learn about their environment, the wildlife and above all, how to conserve this beautiful natural asset for present and future generations.*

*On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the opening of the centre,  
from Africa to Oxford... for one night only  
Anna Tolan shares her extraordinary tales of life in the African bush!*

Friday 15 April  
7:30pm for 8:00pm till late...  
Northampton Room, Oxford Centre, 333, Banbury Road, Oxford  
Tickets: £37.50  
Auction, Silent Auction and More....

Please make cheques out to: Chipembele Trust UK  
Address: PO Box CT UK PO Box 589 Abingdon Oxon OX14 9FT

Online ticket purchase at : [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)

email: [trustuk@chipembele.org](mailto:trustuk@chipembele.org) mobile: Nigel 07793 121130



## Join the Cheer Squad in 2011

We are asking for people to participate in our **10 for 10 Cheer Squad 2011!** This is a fundraising year-long event. We hope that if every one of you asks just one friend and you all pitch in \$10 (or £10!) we will raise £10,000! See... **10 for 10!** Every \$/£ over our required 2011 funding will be used for the **many** ongoing projects and programmes run in conjunction with our Conservation Outreach in Schools Programme, our Wildlife Education Classes and the Conservation Clubs. **Chipembele - The '10 for 10' fund** is *ALL towards* conservation, environmental or wildlife education.



You can purchase **Special Edition Chipembele Cheer Squad Memorabilia** for yourself or as special gifts for young and old alike, at our new **Cheer Squad 2011 Cafe Press Shop**. Just click on the links or the 'Cheer Squad Stuff at Café Press' button to the left! All profits after Café Press base cost go to Chipembele Wildlife Education Trust so we can continue our work.

You can Join us on [Chipembele Wildlife on Facebook](#) and send us your Cheer Squad photos wearing or using Chipembele Cheer Squad merchandise and we will build an album of Chipembele Cheer Leaders the world over!

*Above: One of 40 products available with our special limited edition Cheer Squad 2011 logo emblazoned. They're cheeky and fun they will start a conversation for conservation! If you prefer our official logo go here: [Chipembele Shop on Café Press](#)*

## Pupil paintings for sale...

Some of the items that will be auctioned in the UK fundraising dinner on 15<sup>th</sup> April include a sculpture and some wildlife photographic prints produced by internationally acclaimed artists but also some pieces produced by local school children. Five boys from Chiwawatala Basic School were selected to attend the art studio of acclaimed professional artist Pam Carr, [www.pamguhrs-carr.com/](http://www.pamguhrs-carr.com/)

As artists' paints are impossible to find in Mfuwe the pupils used all-natural products under Pam's careful guidance, to create their own paints, including red and brown soil, charcoal from the fire, lime, red ochre, yellow ochre and wood glue to fix it all. The paintings, which are on canvas, will also be framed. If you are interested in leaving a bid for any of the paintings, or would like to see them in close-up, please contact [info@chipembele.org](mailto:info@chipembele.org) before 15<sup>th</sup> April. Half of the proceeds will go to Chipembele for their conservation education programmes and the other half will go the pupils.





Left to right... Frederick, Smart, Christopher, Davison and Misheck show off their respective village scene, zebra, giraffe, sausage tree and elephant.

In addition, a Grade 8 pupil by the name of Malafian has made some animals out of recovered snare wire. These will also be auctioned on 15<sup>th</sup> April but, similar to the paintings, bids will be taken beforehand and the proceeds divided equally between Chipembele and Malafian. He has entirely using his own imagination made the chameleon shown, plus a giraffe and an elephant. Please contact [info@chipembele.org](mailto:info@chipembele.org) for pictures or further information.



## Introducing Rochelle...

Rochelle James from Brisbane, Australia took up the position of Conservation Education Manager in January, She has a lifelong interest in animal welfare, wildlife and the natural environment. With two degrees, one in Zoology and one in Business Management, experience in conservation work and passion to assist both people and animals alike she has proved to be a wonderful asset to the Chipembele team.

**Welcome Rochelle!**



Rochelle with some of the Conservation Club students from Mfuwe Day Secondary School



## Student Conservation Resource Office

In January 2011 the new Chipembele Student Conservation Resource Office was opened adjacent to the Chipembele Office and Conservation Education Manager's house in the grounds of Mfuwe Secondary School. The office is open every afternoon of the week from 1400 to 1700 hrs in term time and for certain periods in the school holidays. Students from the conservation clubs in the local schools are welcome to come and watch wildlife films, read the books or simply chill out. In addition, a formalised computer programme takes place each afternoon. There are no computers in the local schools so we are attempting to give our conservation students some training, particularly in the use of Word and Excel, which will benefit them in their chosen career paths. Most of the students now have their own e-mail addresses and have begun researching the Internet to assist them with their studies. Like teenagers all over the world they simply love Facebook but with limited time and lots of competition to use the Internet we have to make sure that their time on it is strictly limited!

The computer training is carried out by Japhet Shumungu, our latest employee to join the Chipembele team, who is doing a fantastic job of working out a complicated programme to teach the varying levels of experience. In the Easter holidays Japhet will be holding two x 1 week-long touch typing courses for students who are interested.

*Welcome Japhet!*



*Japhet teaching some girl conservation students the basics of computing*



The manager of the student office is Eunice Nakucinda, who has many years experience of working at a Congolese Refugee Camp within Zambia. She has exceptional interpersonal skills and on the last Friday of every month hosts a 'girls only' afternoon in the office in an attempt to encourage girl education. They can read books, watch DVDs or just hang out with other girls if they wish. Plus Eunice is always there with a listening ear if they feel they want to have a more serious talk about anything.

*Welcome Eunice!*



The office is equipped with:

Satellite Internet with wi-fi

9 laptops

Widescreen TV and DVD player

Over 50 wildlife DVDs

A wide range of wildlife and conservation reference books



Our sincere thanks go to the following organisations and individuals who made it all possible:

- Africa Hope Fund (US) for the construction of the office and a year's subscription for satellite Internet
- Chipembele Trust (UK) for the satellite Internet equipment
- Zambian Carnivore Programme for Japhet's wages
- Africom (Netherlands) for Eunice's wages
- ??? for the equipment and furniture

## Bicycles for pupils



26 pupils from Mfuwe Secondary School were selected for bicycles sponsored by Schulprojekte Sambia (Switzerland) in February. The rigorous selection procedure was based on a number of factors including the distance the pupil lived from the school, his or her family circumstances and their performance in the previous year. Teachers particularly considered those students who tried hard and showed good potential but were arriving late in school because they had to walk a distance of 12 km or more each way

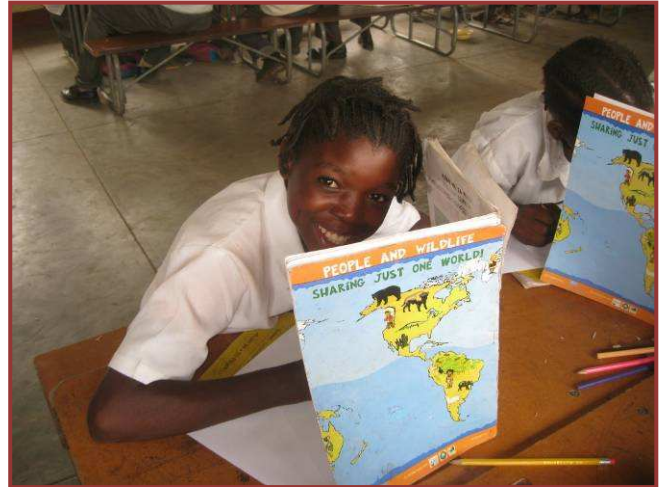
every day. We are now closely monitoring the performance of the students to see if it improves now they have bicycles and whether it is an exercise worth investing in again next year.



## Some more Chipembele activities...



*Every Friday afternoon 7 students from the Mfuwe Secondary School Conservation Club are taken out for field activities into the Park by the Zambia Carnivore Programme under the careful and informative supervision of their experienced safari guide Ashed Makukula*



*Awely (a French organisation which partners with Chipembele over education in Human-Wildlife Conflict issues) generously produced 5000 booklets for children in the local schools. Chipembele has distributed over 3000 of these so far as personal copies for the pupils, together with teacher resource packs and posters for the teachers to use in their classes. See [www.Awely.org](http://www.Awely.org)*

## Archie moved for a 4<sup>th</sup> time

Archie, the orphaned warthog who was raised at Chipembele and released into the National Park over a year ago, never really lost his fondness for people (or the possibility of sharing some of their food) and kept homing in on the tourist lodges. Wanting to avoid any unnecessary negative encounters he was moved (with the Zambia Wildlife Authority's permission) a total of 4 times.



*Archie, tranquilised and en route to his new home in the Park*

The last time was in early March this year when Rachel McRobb from the South Luangwa Conservation Society darted him with a tranquiliser and, assisted by Steve, took him by boat to a beautiful but remote area in the Park 38 miles away (as the crow flies). The habitat seemed very suitable for warthogs (lots of grass and year round water) and was the other side of a major tributary of the Luangwa.



April is the usual mating month for warthogs so hopefully he will have now settled into his new area and found a girlfriend, or two, to take his mind off otherwise sniffing out the lodges! (Though what lingers at the back of our minds is the knowledge that warthogs are excellent swimmers when they want to be...)



*Archie waking up in his new home, very far from any human habitation (or is it...?)*

That's all for this time, with all our best wishes from Anna and Steve and the rest of the Chipembele Team.

*Anna and Steve*

**Chipembele Wildlife Education Trust is a Zambian registered charitable trust, reg. no. 41317.  
It is supported by Chipembele Trust, a registered UK charity, no. 1107698.  
*Chipembele... teaching Zambian children the value of wildlife***

**Contact**

**Steve and Anna Tolan  
Directors and Founding Trustees  
Chipembele Wildlife Education Trust**

**email: [info@chipembele.org](mailto:info@chipembele.org)  
web: <http://www.chipembele.org>  
phone: ++-260-(21)6-246108**

**Unsubscribe**

**If you would like to unsubscribe from this newsletter simply send an e-mail with 'Unsubscribe Newsletter' in the Subject line (no need for any message) to  
[info@chipembele.org](mailto:info@chipembele.org)**



Chipembele Wildlife Education Trust – Winner of the best entry from Zambia in the EDUCATING AFRICA 2009 Pan African Awards for Entrepreneurship in Education



FIND US ON

facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/ChipembeleWildlife>

Member Society:



Generously sponsored in 2011 by:



Schulprojekte Sambia (Switzerland)

Ros Wadham (Norway)

Murray Katz (Canada)

Jude Price and Kaye Brown (Australia)

Africom (Netherlands)

United Voice (LHMU Officers Fund, Australia)

With Compassion and Soul (Australia)

ASU (ASU Caucus), Australia

